

in the State of Maharashtra. Investment made during the last three years on these projects amounted to Rs. 145.53 crores approximately. Coal production realised in 1995-96 was 1.73 million tonnes from some projects which have started yielding coal.

(d) Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) have finalised five proposals of new coal projects during the current financial year (1996-97).

(e) to (g) Captive mining blocks in Maharashtra for power generation in that State have been identified for M/s. Nippon Denro Ispat Limited. Some other applications including MSEB for identification of captive mining blocks in Maharashtra for units in that State have also been discussed by the Screening Committee functioning in the Ministry of Coal.

Bhutani currency in West Bengal

3590. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Bhutani currency of lower denomination is found in plenty in the Duars area of the Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank Assistance to Projects of A.P.

3591. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts allocated for the development projects and canals in Andhra Pradesh with the World Bank assistance in particular to Nagarjuna Sagar, Dindi and Moosi Projects;

(b) the details of works undertaken and amount spent so far; and

(c) when the work on these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) : The World Bank has provided Loan/Credit assistance to Andhra Pradesh for the following irrigation projects :

Name of the Projects	Effectiveness Date	Closing Date	Amount (million)	Utilisation of Credit/ Loan
1. AP Irrigation and Command Area Development (Nagarjuna Sagar) Project	Sept. 1976	June 1985	136.4 (US \$ M)	127.8 (US \$ M)
2. AP Irrigation II Project	2.10.87	24.8.94	106.73 (US \$ M)	106.73
3. National Water Management Project (for Nagarjuna Sagar, Dindi, Moosi and other identified schemes)	10.8.87	31.3.95	522.8 (Rs. M)	409.5 (Rs. M) (approx.)
4. Hydrology Project	22.9.95	31.3.02	11.8 (US \$ M)	

Components of the above projects were as under :

1. Andhra Pradesh Irrigation & Command Area Development Project :

(a) Completion of Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) Left Main Canal by extending it by 65 miles and increase command area by 147,000 hectares.

(b) completion of NSP Right Main Canal by extending it by 29 miles & increase command area by 140,000 hectares.

(c) construction/rehabilitation of about 1575 km of

Rural Roads, carrying out CAD works and a number of studies.

2. AP II Irrigation Project :

Expansion and improvement of irrigation in the Srisailem Right Branch Canal (SRBC) sub project (65000 hectares), Sriramsagar project, Kakatiya canal command and new developments below the Lower Manir dam.

3. National Water Management Project :

(A.P. component : For Nagarjuna Sagar, Dindi, Moosi and other identified schemes).